Criminal Jurisprudence: House bill No. 926.

Public Health: Senate bills Nos. 456 and 171.

Revenue and Taxation: House bills Nos. 1035 and 786.

The following committee has filed an adverse report on bills, as follows:

Revenue and Taxation: House bill No. 984.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 23, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1025, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to convey, by proper in-strument, all the right, title and in-terest of the State of Texas in and to four certain described tracts of land situated in Kerr county, Texas, to designated persons, said tracts having heretofore been donated to the State for park purposes, but no improvement made thereon, and reciting a failure of consideration, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

JUSTISS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, April 23, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 996, "An Act to amend Article 3887 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by the Acts of the Forty-first Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 112, page 256, relating to the fees of the county attorney in any county having a population of one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants or less, but containing a city with a population in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants, according to the last preceding Federal census and each succeeding Federal census thereafter, Dwyer.

where there is no district attorney; providing a maximum compensation payable to him out of the fees collected by such county attorney, authorizing reimbursement out of fees collected for certain expenses, and authorizing the employment by such county attorney of assistants, investigators and stenographers, fixing their salaries, and providing a method of payment thereof, and providing that such county attorney may collect fees for services rendered in corporation courts and specifying such fees, and declaring an emergency,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

(Friday, April 24, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Adams of Jasper. Adkins. Akin. Albritton. Alsup. Anderson. Baker. Barron. Bedford. Bond. Boyd. Bradley. Brooks. Bryant. Burns of Walker. Burns of McCulloch. Carpenter. Caven. Claunch. Coltrin. Coombes. Cox of Lamar. Cox of Limestone. Herzik. Cunningham. Daniel. DeWolfe. Dodd.

Donnell.

Dowell.

Dunlap.

Duvall.

Adams of Harris.

Elliott. Engelhard. Farmer. Farrar. Ferguson. Fisher. Forbes. Ford. Fuchs. Gilbert. Giles. Goodman. Graves. Greathouse. Grogan. Hanson. Hardy. Harman. Harrison of El Paso. Harrison of Waller. Hatchitt. Hefley. Hill. Hines. Holder. Holland. Holloway. Howsley.

Hubbard.

Hughes.

Jackson.

Johnson Ray. of Dallam. Reader. Johnson Richardson. of Dimmit. Rogers. Jones of Shelby. Rountree. Jones of Atascosa. Sanders. Justiss. Satterwhite. Kayton. Scott. Keller. Shelton. Kennedy. Sherrill. Smith of Bastrop. Laird. Smith of Wood. Lee. Leonard. Sparkman. Lilley. Stephens. Strong. Lockhart. Long. McCombs. Sullivant. Tarwater. McDougald. Terrell of Cherokee. McGill. Terrell McGregor. of Val Verde. Magee. Towery. Martin. Mathis. Turner. Metcalfe. Vaughan. Moffett. Veatch. Moore. Wagstaff. Munson. Walker. Murphy. Warwick. Nicholson. Weinert. West of Coryell. West of Cameron. Olsen. O'Quinn. Patterson. Westbrook. Wiggs. Petsch. Pope. Wyatt. Ramsey. Young. Ratliff.

Absent.

Beck. Finn.

Lasseter. Lemens.

Absent-Excused.

Adamson. Mehl.
Bounds. Morse.
Brice. Savage.
Dale. Stevenson.
Davis. Steward.
Hoskins. Van Zandt.
Johnson of Morris.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was offered by Dr. W. L. Oliphant, pastor of the Oak Cliff Church of Christ, Dallas, Texas.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Johnson of Morris for today, on motion of Mr. Claunch.

Mr. Stevenson for today, on motion of Mr. Burns of Walker.

Mr. Brice for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Smith of Bastrop.

Mr. Hoskins for today, on motion of Mr. Coltrin.

Mr. Adamson and Mr. Van Zandt for today, on motion of Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Dale for today, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Davis for today, on motion of Mrs. Strong.

Mr. Savage for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mrs. Hughes.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Steward for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bounds for today, on motion of Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Mehl for today, on motion of Mr. Reader.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READ-ING.

The following House bills, introduced today (by unanimous consent), were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. DeWolfe:

H. B. No. 1039, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend House bill No. 94 as passed by the Forty-second Legislature, fixing the salary of the county superintendent of public instruction and the county board of school trustees in each county in Texas having a population of not less than 18,425 nor more than 18,435, according to the last preceding Federal census, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Educa-

By Mr. Keller and Mr. McCombs:

H. B. No. 1040 A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 979 of the Penal Code of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Barron and Mr. Adamson:

H. B. No. 1041, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6066 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Pope:

H. B. No. 1042, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the conversion of

all navigation districts converted from navigation districts under the provisions of Section 52 of Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Texas into navigation districts under the provisions of Section 59, of Article XVI, of the State Constitution, since the taking effect of Chapter 103, Acts of the Forty-first Legislature, First Called Session, 1929, under the provisions of Section 1 of said act, ratifying, approving, confirming and validating all proceedings with reference to said conversion, and declaring an emergency."

INVITING

ENTER:

Whereas, nized by the Austin as be unusual abic whereas, grams of sthe birds particle in the provisions of Section 1 of said act, ratifying and validating all proceedings with reference to said conversion, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

MOTION TO PRINT.

Mr. Anderson moved that House bill No. 558, reported adversely, with a minority favorable report, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Keller, the motion was tabled.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Terrell of Val Verde, House bill No. 1028 was ordered not printed.

RELATIVE TO SENATE BILL No. 311.

On motion of Mr. DeWolfe (by unanimous consent), the following amendment to the caption of Senate bill No. 311 was ordered adopted.

Amend Senate bill No. 311 by striking out all above the enacting clause and substituting in lieu there-of the following:

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act regulating the collection of State and county ad valorem taxes, other than poll taxes; providing that the taxpayers may pay one-half (12) of said taxes in any county and receive receipt therefor, and providing for interest on such taxes not paid prior to February 1st after the year for which they are assessed; providing for penalty if not paid by October 1st subsequent to the year of assessment; providing that any defined taxing subdivision of the county shall be subject to the provisions of this act; providing that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith shall be subject to the terms of this act and shall be controlled thereby, and declaring an emergency'."

INVITING FRED LOWERY TO ENTERTAIN LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Alsup offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Fred Lowery is recognized by the leading music clubs of Austin as being a whistling artist of unusual ability; and

Whereas, He renders musical programs of such sweetness that even the birds pause to pay tribute; and

Whereas, Mr. Lowery is now serving the great Lone Star State in the employ of the Texas Senate; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That they extend to Mr. Lowery an invitation to appear before this honorable body just before adjournment Friday, April 24, and render a short program of whistling numbers. And be it further

Resolved, That the Senate of Texas be extended an invitation to hear their employe in the rendition of this enjoyable program.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Anderson moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Alsup, the motion to postpone the resolution indefinitely was tabled.

Question then recuring on the resolution, it was adopted.

INVITING THE HON. JOUETT SHOUSE AND GOVERNOR NELLIE T. ROSS TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 37, Inviting the Hon. Jouett Shouse and Governor Nellie T. Ross to address the Legislature.

Whereas, The Hon. Jouett Shouse, Democratic National Chairman, Executive Committee, and former Governor Nellie Tayloe Ross, Vice-Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, are on a tour of the West at this time in behalf of the cause of democracy; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That Chairman Shouse and Vice-Chairman Nellie Tayloe Ross be invited to make a swing through the South before

their return to Washington, and that the State of Texas be included in their itinerary; and be it further

Resolved, That they be invited by the Legislature of the State of Texas to visit Austin and the Capitol, and each to deliver an address to the Legislature before it adjourns.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

RELATIVE TO DISPOSITION OF COTTON SEED.

The Speaker laid before the House. for consideration at this time,

H. C. R. No. 25, Relative to disposition of cotton seed, the resolution having heretofore been read second time and referred to the Committee on Penitentiaries, that committee having reported the resolution favorably.

Question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 5, Proposing an amendment of Section 7, Article II, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified property taxpaying voters therein voting to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters or sanitary purposes as authorized by law and authorizing the creation of a debt for such works and the issuance of bonds in evidence thereof and providing for submission of same to the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on July 25, A. D. 1931, and providing the necessary proclamation and appropriation to defray the expenses of the proclamation, publication and election.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Bedford offered the following amendments to the resolution:

Amend House joint resolution No. 5 by striking out all below the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ticle II, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article II, Section 7. All counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico are hereby authorized upon a vote of a two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon at an election called for such purpose to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters or sanitary purposes as may now or may hereafter be authorized by law, and may create a debt for such works and issue bonds in evidence thereof. But no debt for any purpose shall ever be incurred in any manner by any city or county unless provision is made, at the time of creating the same, for levying and collecting a sufficient tax to pay interest thereon and provide at least two per cent as a sinking fund: and the condemnation of the right of way for the erection of such works shall be fully provided for.'

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1932, at which time all ballots shall have printed thereon "For the constitutional amendment authorizing counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico by a vote of twothirds majority of the resident prop-erty taxpayers voting thereon to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters or sanitary purposes, as authorized by law, and authorizing the creation of a debt for such work, and the issuance of bonds in evidence thereof," and "Against the constitutional amendment authorizing counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters or sanitary purposes, as authorized by law, and authorizing the creation of a debt for such work, and the issuance of bonds in evidence thereof." Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballots, leaving one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The sum of \$5000, Section 1. That Section 7, of Ar-1 or so much thereof as may be needed,

is hereby appropriated for the expense of publication of said amendment.

(2)

Amend House joint resolution No. 5 by striking out all above the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"H. J. R. No. 5, Proposing an amendment to Section 7, Article II, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax-payers voting thereon to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters or sanitary purposes, as authorized by law, and authorizing the creation of a debt for such work and the issuance of bonds in evidence thereof, and providing for the submission of same to the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on November 8, A. D. 1932, and providing the necessary proclamation and appropriation to defray the expenses of the proclamation, publication and election."

The amendments were severally

adopted.

House joint resolution No. 5 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas-102.

Forbes. Mr. Speaker. Adams of Harris. Ford. Adams of Jasper. Fuchs. Gilbert. Adkins. Albritton. Giles. Alsup. Graves. Baker. Grogan. Barron. Hanson. Bedford. Harman. Bond. Harrison of El Paso. Boyd. Bradley. Harrison Brooks. of Waller. Hatchitt. Bryant. Burns of Walker. Herzik. Carpenter. Hill. Claunch. Hines. Cox of Limestone. Holder. Holloway. Cunningham. Howsley. Daniel. DeWolfe. Hubbard. Dodd. Hughes. Donnell. Jackson. Dowell. Johnson of Dallam. Dunlap. Dwyer. Johnson Engelhard. of Dimmit. Farrar. Jones of Shelby. Jones of Atascosa. Ferguson. Justiss. Fisher.

Keller. Satterwhite. Kennedy. Shelton. Lee. Sherrill. Leonard. Smith of Bastrop. Lilley. Sparkman. Lockhart. Stephens. Long. Strong. McĞill. Tarwater. McGregor. Terrell of Cherokee. Magee. Metcalfe. Terrell Moffett. of Val Verde. Towery. Moore. Munson. Vaughan. Murphy. Veatch. Wagstaff. Nicholson. Olsen. Walker. Warwick. Pope. Ratliff. Weinert. West of Coryell. Ray. Reader. Westbrook. Rogers. Wiggs. Rountree. Wyatt. Sanders. Young.

Nays—6.

Coombes. Cox of Lamar. Elliott. Farmer. Goodman. Smith of Wood.

Present-Not Voting.

Akin.

Anderson.

Absent.

Beck. Lemens. McCombs. Burns of McCulloch. McDougald. Caven. Martin. Mathis. Coltrin. Duvall. O'Quinn. Patterson. Finn. Greathouse. Petsch. Ramsey. Hardy. Richardson. Hefley. Holland. Scott. Sullivant. Kayton. Laird. Turner. West of Cameron. Lasseter.

Absent-Excused.

Adamson. Mehl.
Bounds. Morse.
Brice. Savage.
Dale. Stevenson.
Davis. Steward.
Hoskins. Van Zandt.
Johnson of Morris.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,

H. J. R. No. 6, Proposing an

amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 1a, exempting all homesteads from taxation except so much thereof as exceeds \$2000 in valuation.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Bryant offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House joint resolution No. 6 by striking out all below the resolving clause and inserting the following:

"Section 1. That Section 1a be added to Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, to read as follows:

"Article 8. Section 1a. Two thousand dollars of the assessable value of all resident homesteads shall be exempt from taxation except for the discharge of present outstanding bonded indebtedness for which such homesteads are subject to taxation.

"Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1932, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas exempting \$2000 of the assessable value of all resident homesteads from taxation except for the discharge of present outstanding bonded indebtedness for which such homesteads are subject to taxation."

"Those voters opposing said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: 'Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas exempting \$2000 of the assessable value of all resident homesteads from taxation except for the discharge of present outstanding bonded indebtedness for which such homesteads are subject to taxation.'

"Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and amendments thereto.

"Sec. 4. The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election."

Mr. McGregor offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend House joint resolution No. 6, Section 1, line 4, by inserting after the word "homestead" the words "as now defined by law."

(Mr. McGill in the chair.)

Mr. Anderson raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution on the ground that the time for the consideration of the special order has arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

HOUSE BILL NO. 161 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 161, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7105, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, placing every incorporated railroad company, ferry company, bridge company, turnpike or toll company, sulphur company, coal company, salt company, gas producing company, telegraph company, telephone company, electric light and power company, pipe line company, truck company, bus company and chain store company under the intangible assets tax laws of this State, doing businesss wholly or in part in this State, whether incorporated under the laws of this State or of any other State, territory or foreign country, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Weinert offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 161 by striking out all below the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That Article 7098, Title 122, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil

Statutes of Texas of 1925, be amended ried on; which additional tax shall be so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 7098. State Tax Board.-The State Tax Board shall be composed of the Comptroller, the Secretary of State, and a third member to be known as the Tax Commissioner of the State of Texas. Except as herein provided, such Tax Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor in according with, and subject shall hold his office for two years. A record of the proceedings of said Board shall be kept at the State Capitol, and shall be open to the inspection of the public. It is hereby made the duty of the Attorney General to give opinions and render all aid and assist-Board."

Sec. 2. That Article 7100, Title 122. Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, be amended so, as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 7100. Secretary. — Said Board may employ a secretary, who shall receive \$150 per month for his or her services as secretary, and in, addition said Board may employ an expert stenographer who shall receive \$100 month for his or her services as stenographer. Said Board may, with the approval of the Governor, also employ such additional employes as said Board may deem advisable from time to time, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act."

Sec. 3. That Article 7105, Title 122, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 7105. Tax on Intangible Assets.—Each incorporated railroad company, ferry company, bridge company, turnpike or toll company, doing business wholly or in part within this, laws of this State or any other State, ness of the same character in this State, in addition to the ad valorem ! taxes on tangible properties which are or may be imposed upon them, ticles 7106, 7107 and 7108, or any respectively, by law, shall pay an another provisions of this chapter." the first day of January of each year, on their intangible assets and property, and local taxes thereon to the counties in which its business is car-led, so as to hereafter read as follows:

assessed and levied upon such intangible assets and property in the manner provided in this chapter. county or counties in which such taxes are to be paid and the manner of apportionment of the same, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this chapter."

Sec. 4. That Title 122, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas to the provisions of Section 12, of of 1925, be amended by adding there-Article 4. of the Constitution, and to a new chapter to be known as Chapter 7105a, which shall read as follows:

"Article 7105a. All corporations of every kind and character, other than those enumerated in Article 7105 of this chapter, doing business wholly or ance required or requested by said in part in this State whether incorporated under the laws of this State, or any other State, territory, or foreign country, in addition to the ad valorem taxes on tangible property which are, or which may be imposed upon them, respectively, by law, shall pay an annual tax to the State, for State purposes only, beginning with the first day of January of each year, on their intangible assets and property, which tax shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that every corporation, which is now or which may hereafter be required to pay any occupation tax measured by gross receipts or quantities produced. under the provisions of any law of this State, shall not be required to pay taxes upon their intangible assets under any of the provisions of this chapter (provided that companies, corporations and associations engaged in the manufacture and sale of gasoline or whose principal business is that of selling gasoline in this State, and required to pay an occupation or sales tax thereon measured by the quantities sold, shall not be State, whether incorporated under the subject to the provisions of this act); provided further, however, that every territory or foreign country; and individual, company, corporation and every other individual company, corporation referred to in this chapporation or association doing busi-ter, shall be required to render, anter, shall be required to render, annually, all statements to the State Tax Commissioner as are now provided for under the provisions of Ar-

> That Article 7111. Title Sec. 5. 122, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, be amend-

"Article 7111. Other Duties and Powers of the Board in Passing upon Statement.—In so far as the other evidence and information adduced before said Board does not make it appear to the members of said Board to be improper or unjust to do so, said Board shall, in fixing the true value of the entire property of such individual, company, corporation or association embraced within the provisions of this chapter, take as a basis therefor the aggregate market value or true value of all its shares of stock, adding thereto the aggregate market or true value of all its shares of stock, adding thereto the aggregate market or true value of all indebtedness secured by any mortage, lien or other charge upon its property or assets, and the sum so produced shall be deemed and treated as the true value of said entire property. And where the individual, company, corporation or association does business and has property, both within this State and outside of it, in ascertaining the true value of its property within this State, said Board shall next ascertain from said statements, reports and evidence, if any, or otherwise, the true value, in the locality where the same is situated, of each such several pieces of real estate situated outside of this State, and of its other properties, if any, outside thereof, and not spe-cifically used in the business of said individual, company, corporation or association, and the aggregate of said value shall be deducted from the gross value of the property as above ascertained; and the result of said deduction and the sum or value thereby obtained shall be deemed and treated as the true value of all property of such individual, company, corporation or association in actual use in its business. And said Board shall then fix the true value of the property of such individual, company, corporation or association within the State, using as a basis and being guided so far as it shall not believe it unjust to do so, by the proportion which it finds to exist between the total lines or total receipts within this State and outside of it, and lines controlled or operated, or the re-ceipts obtained entirely within this State, so that there shall be apportioned to this State, as the true value of the property, within its borders, of each individual, company, corporation and association doing than the twentieth day of June of

business within and outside of its limits such proportion of the true value of all the property of such individual, company, corporation or association which is specifically used in its business as is borne by its total lines or total receipts within this State when compared with the total lines or total receipts, both inside and outside of the State of Texas. From the entire value of the property within this State, when ascertained as directed by this chapter, said Board shall deduct the true value of all the tangible property of such individual, company, corporation or association within this State, as so ascertained by said Board, and the residue and remainder of value shall be, by said Board, fixed, determined and declared as the true value of the intangible properties owned and held by such individual, company, corporation or association within this State. In the case of railroad companies, and every other company, individual, corporation or association enumerated in Article 7105 of this chapter, said Board shall apportion the sum of the said total intangible values within this State to the counties in which such individual, company, corporation or association does business, in proportion to the amount of business done in and the receipts derived from such company, except that, in case of a railroad company, the apportionment to each county shall be in proportion to the line or lines of such individual, company, corporation or association therein. In apportioning the value of the aforesaid intangible properties, said Board shall consider all evidence which may be put before it and all material facts at its command; and if it shall believe that some method of calculation other than that specifically prescribed in this chapter is necessary in order to produce just and lawful results, said Board shall follow that method of calculation which it believes best calculated, under all circumstances, to bring about a just, fair, equitable and lawful valuation and apportionment of such property."

Sec. 6. That Article 7113, Title 122, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 7113. Board to Certify to Assessor.—Thereafter, and not later

each year, said Board shall make, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of this chapter, a final valuation and apportionment of the assets of all companies, individuals, intangible assets aforesaid, of each corporations and associations enumerand every such individual, company, corporation and association, and shall, as soon after such twentieth day of intangible assets of all corporations June as practicable, certify to the tax enumerated or included in Article assessor of each county to which any portion of such intangible assets of any such individual, company, corporation or association is found by said manner and under the same penalties board to be apportionable for taxation and so apportioned, the amount that taxes collected under the provithereof as fixed, determined and de-sions of Article 7105a shall not in any clared by said Board, and thereunto event be prorated to the counties or apportioned by said Board, together any subdivision thereof, or assessed with the name and place of residence or collected for local or county puror place of business of the owner or poses, but shall be collected for State owners of the property embraced in purposes only, and shall be in addisuch valuation and apportionment; provided, that such final valuation and, ed for both State and county purposes apportionment of such intangible as- under the provisions of Article 7105 sets, properly apportionable and ap- of this chapter. The tax collectors of portioned by such Board to any unorganized county shall be by said Board State Comptroller all taxes collected so certified to the tax assessor of the under the provisions of this chapter, county to which such unorganized to be paid into the State Treasury. county is attached for judicial purposes. The tax assessor of such counque upon the intangible property in this ty upon receiving such certificate or State belonging to any individual, certificates of said Board, shall place, company, corporation or association set down and list, upon forms pre-enumerated in Article 7105 of this scribed by the Comptroller for such chapter; and all State ad valorem purposes, upon the tax rolls of his taxes upon the intangible property in county, and of each unorganized countithis State belonging to any corporaty which is attached to his county for tion enumerated or included in Arjudicial purposes, as the case may be, ticle 7105a of this chapter, shall be any and all of such intangible assets assessed under the provisions of this at the value so fixed, determined, de-|chapter and not otherwise; but ad clared and certified by said Board, valorem taxes upon all other property Such county tax assessor shall extend of any and all such individuals, comand prorate upon said rolls the State panies, corporations and associations and county taxes upon all such intan-shall be assessed as is or as may be gible assets of the companies, indi- provided by law.' viduals, corporations and associations enumerated in Article 7105 of this ! chapter in the same manner as taxes are severable and if any of the proupon other property are extended and visions hereof are held void, invalid prorated; and shall extend and prorate upon said rolls the State taxes upon all such intangible assets of the corporations enumerated or included shall not affect or impair any of the in Article 7105a of this chapter, in the same manner as taxes upon other property are extended and prorated, except that he shall make no extension or proration for county purposes. Said assessment, valuation and apportionment of such intangible assets so fixed, determined, declared and certified by the State Tax Board shall not be subject to review, modification or change by the tax assessor of such same are hereby expressly repealed.

county, nor by the board of equalization of such county; and the State and county tax imposed on the intangible ated in Article 7105 of this chapter, and the State taxes imposed on the 7105a of this chapter, shall be collected by the tax collector of such county and accounted for by him in the same as taxes upon other property, except tion to the taxes assessed and collectall such counties shall forward to the

Sec. 7. The provisions of this act or unconstitutional, the remainder of this act shall remain in full force and effect; and the decision of the court remaining provisions hereof; and it is hereby declared as the legislative intent that the provisions, sentences or phrases not declared to be illegal and void would have been enacted and adopted without the inclusion of the provisions, sentences and phrases declared void and invalid.

Sec. 8. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be, and the corporations under the provisions of this act without placing all corporations thereunder, and the further fact that there is no way of ascertaining the value of a corporation for purposes of taxation other than by placing the same under the provisions of this act, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring that all bills be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question—Shall the amendment by Mr. Weinert be adopted?

RECALLING HOUSE BILL NO. 996 FOR CORRECTION.

Mr. Bedford offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 52, Recalling certain bill for correction.

Whereas, House bill No. 996 is now in the Secretary of State's office; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the author of this bill to correct a typographical error in the bill; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Governor and the Secretary of State be requested to return said bill for correction.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 24, 1931. Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to the following bills:

- S. B. No. 219; viva voce vote.
- S. B. No. 363; yeas 28, nays 0.
- S. B. No. 380; viva voce vote.
- S. B. No. 403; yeas 29, nays 0.S. B. No. 474; yeas 29, nays 0.

That the Senate adopted the free conference committee report on Senate bill No. 17, by viva voce vote.

That the Senate has passed

H. J. R. No. 1, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State Mr. Dodd.

Sec. 9. The fact that the existing of Texas by amending Section 33 and law is discriminatory, placing some Section 40 of Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit officers of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve and the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States army, navy and marine corps, and retired enlisted men of the United States army, navy and marine corps, to hold public office in Texas, with amendments.

> S. B. No. 279, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 18 of Chapter 282, S. B. No. 82, Acts of the Regular Session, Forty-first Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully.

BOB BARKER, Secretary of the Senate.

MEMBERS EXCUSED COUNT OF COMMITTEE WORK.

The following members were present on yesterday, but were excused from services in the House because of important committee work:

Messrs. Holder, Anderson, Petsch, Terrell of Val Verde and Mrs. Moore.

ADDRESS BY HON. WRIGHT PATMAN.

Mr. Dodd offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. Wright Patman, a former distinguished member of this House, and now a member of Congress from the First District, is now within the bar of the House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the House.

DODD, HUBBARD, BROOKS, YOUNG.

The resolution was read second

time, and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to escort Hon. Wright Patman to the Speaker's stand: Messrs. Dodd, Hubbard, Brooks and Young.

The committee having performed their duty, Speaker Minor presented

Mr. Dodd then introduced Mr. Patman, who in turn addressed the House.

INVITATION TO ATTEND DANCE.

Hon. Pat Dwyer being recognized by the Speaker, extended an invitation to the members of the House to attend a dance to be given in San Antonio on Saturday night, April 25.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READ-ING.

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the house, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

Senate bill No. 279, to the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. McCombs, Senate bill No. 446 was withdrawn from the Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 24, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to the following bills:

- S. B. No. 275; yeas 30, nays 0. S. B. No. 280; yeas 30, nays 0. S. B. No. 336; yeas 30, nays 0.

- S. B. No. 570; yeas 30, nays 0.
- S. B. No. 307; yeas 30, nays 0. S. B. No. 505; yeas 30, nays 0. S. B. No. 557; yeas 30, nays 0.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER, Secretary of the Senate.

RECESS.

Mr. Kayton moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

Mr. Sanders moved that the House recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion of Mr. Sanders prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

On motion of Mr. Keller, House bill No. 1037 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, House bill No. 1006 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. McDougald, Senate bill No. 506 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. McDougald, Senate bill No. 510 was ordered not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 161 ON PAS-SAGE TO ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 161, relative to the intangible assets tax law, the bill having heretofore been read second time, with amendment by Mr. Weinert pending. On motion of Mr. Harman (by

unanimous consent) further consideration of the bill was postponed at this time, and the bill was reset as a special order for 10:30 o'clock a. m. next Tuesday.

HOUSE BILL NO. 241 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 241, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to reimburse persons, firms and corporations for losses sustained during the years of 1929 and 1930 by reason of the establishment by the State of Texas of regulated and restricted zones in certain areas of the State requiring such persons, firms and corporations to pay money for the ster-ilization of seed and the fumigation of cotton, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill having heretofore been read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

CONFIDENCE EXPRESSING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE FROM TRAVIS COUNTY.

Satterwhite (by unanimous Mr.12 o'clock noon, took recess to 2 consent), offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There is printed on the front page of the Austin American of taken verbatim from the Austin this date a resolution purported to have been adopted by fifty Austin business men in a mass meeting held in the office of the Austin Chamber; in the Senate, from taking any promof Commerce yesterday afternoon, inent part in the consideration of legreading as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Travis county, being interested in proposed and prospective legislation which is either pending or to be brought up in the Forty-second Legislature, have adopted the following resolution calling on the Travis county representatives in this Legislature to devote their earnest efforts and energies to further and accomplish much needed legislation for this county, as well as securing the recommended necessities for the eleemosynary institutions and established State departments.

"Whereas, The people of Travis county, laying aside all other interests and prejudices, elected their representatives to this Legislature upon their expressed promise to support and accomplish a program of much needed development in this city and

county; and

"Whereas, It has become a matter of public information that the leadership of our local representatives on a highly controversial Statewide problem has placed in jeonardy the entire program for Travis county, in that an unfriendly feeling toward the Capital City has been engendered in the minds of a large majority of the members of the House;

"Whereas, Little or nothing has been done toward positive accomplishment of the Travis county program

advocated by the elected candidates; "We therefore feel that it is proper that we should call on our representatives to lay aside such leadership in these controversial matters, especially since up to this time scarcely any measures have been passed carrying out the program promised during the campaign last summer and that they devote the limited time remaining working for the needs of the State's eleemosynary institutions and departments here, and securing for Austin certain State buildings that have already been planned and projected by the proper State authorities, this work being in direct line with the promises of the campaign which resulted in the election of the representatives now serving in this Legislature from Travis county."

Whereas, The above quoted article, American, has for its purpose that of closing the mouths of their local representatives, both in the House and islative matters pending before this Legislature, except it be such matters as will bring to Austin appropriations for buildings, tax remissions, and other matters pertaining to the local welfare of the city of Austin; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, that we consider the above manifesto issued on the part of certain citizens of Austin to their local representatives as an attempt to limit the constitutional rights of the Travis county members of the Legislature to freely express themselves as to their views with reference to any legislative matter which may be now or hereafter considered by this Legislature; and be it

Resolved, That the membership of this House express their full confidence in the integrity and legislative conduct of the members of the House of Representatives and Senate for Travis county as to any position or view they may take with reference to legislation now pending before this Legislature.

SATTERWHITE, LASSETER, BECK, McCOMBS.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Bond moved the previous question on the resolution, and the motion was duly seconded.

Question recurring on the motion for the main question, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Mr. Satterwhite moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and ask to have the moreconsider spread on the tion to Journal.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Moffett gave notice that he would, on next Monday, call up for consideration at that time, the motion to reconsider the vote by which House joint resolution No. 31 failed to pass, which motion to reconsider was spread on the Journal.

HOUSE BILL NO. 603 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 603, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salary of the county commissioners in counties in which the population is as many as seventy-six thousand (76,000) inhabitants and is less than seventy-eight thousand and one (78,001) inhabitants according to the 1930 United and declaring an States census, emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. West of Cameron offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend Section 1 of House bill No. 603 by inserting after the word "paid" and before the word "the" in said section the words "to each of."

(2)

Amend Section 1 of House bill No. 603 by striking out the figures and words "1930 United States census" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "United States census last preceding, and which county has voted as much as six million dollars in road bonds and one million dollars in flood control or flood protection bonds."

The amendments were severally adopted.

By unanimous consent of the House the caption of the bill was ordered amended to conform to all changes made in the body of the bill.

House bill No. 603 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 631 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 631, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Article 2135, Revised Statutes, 1925, so as to provide that all civil officers of this State and of the United States, other than first and second class postmasters, shall be exempt from jury service; and to amend Section 9 of said article so as to provide for the exemption from jury service active members of organized fire companies in towns and cities of 1500 Code of Criminal Procedure, 1925, so

population, except where such town or city has one or more paid firemen, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Dowell offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 631 by striking out the words "fifteen hundred" where they appear in Section 2 and insert in lieu thereof the words "one thousand."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 631 by adding a new section, before the emergency clause, giving the same the proper number, and reading as follows: "That Section 8 of said Article 2135 of Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, is hereby repealed."

Amend caption of House bill No. 631 by striking out the figures "1500" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "1000," and also to insert in the caption after the word "fireman" the following words: "and repealing Section 8 of said Article 2135 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925,"

The amendments were severally

adopted.

House bill No. 631 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1036 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 1036, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending House bill No. 97, passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, Chapter 23, page 43, of the Fourth and Fifth Called Session of the Fortyfirst Legislature, repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 141 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 141, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 287 of the as to require fixing and approving bail bonds without necessity of suing out writ of habeas corpus, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1026 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment, H. B. No. 1026, A bill to be entitled

"An Act fixing the venue of suits brought on policies and contracts made by fraternal benefit societies, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. West of Cameron (by unanimous consent), Senate bill No. 437 was ordered not printed.

SENATE BILL NO. 437 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

third reading,

S. B. No. 437, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Lower Rio Grande Water Conservation District Texas under authority of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State, with powers of government and authority to exercise such rights, privileges and functions as are confererd by said Section 59 of Article 16, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. West of Cameron offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 437 by striking out all of pages 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and inserting in lieu thereof the fol-

lowing:

"Beginning at the point in Starr county where the west line of porcion 71 (Mier) intersects the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, which point is approximately one mile in a northwesterly direction from the town of Roma; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said porcion 71 to the international boundary line between the United States and Mexico; thence with said international boundary line, following gen-

where it flows into the Gulf of Mexico; thence in a northerly direction with the shore line of the Gulf of Mexico to its intersection with the south jetty of Brazos Santiago Pass; thence in a straight line in a northwesterly direction to the point of in-tersection of the center line of the railroad pier with the shore line of Laguna Madre at Port Isabel; thence following the shore line of Laguna Madre generally in a northerly direction to its intersection with the boundary line between Willacy and Cameron counties in the mouth of the Arroyo Colorado; thence in a generally southwesterly direction with said boundary line between Willacy and Cameron counties to its intersection with the southeast line of Share No. 3 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant, said boundary line being the center line of the Arroyo Colorado; thence in an easterly direction along the southeast line of said Share 3 to the southeast corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction along the mean-dering east line of said Share 3 to the northeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the northeast corner of Share 8 of the north line of said Share 3 to the northeast corner of Share 8 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant; thence in a southerly direction along the east line of said Share 8 to the southeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the boundary line between said Share 3 and said Share 8 to the northwest corner of said Share 3; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Share 3 to the northeast corner of Share 5 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of said Share 8 to the southwest corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of said Share 8 to the northwest corner thereof; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of Share 15 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant the southeast corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction with the east line of said Share 15 of the northeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Share 15 to the northwest corner thereof; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Share 15 to the southwest corner thereof, same being the southeast corner of the Antonio Quintanilla subdivision in Willacy county; thence erally the center of the Rio Grande subdivision in Willacy county; thence River to the mouth of said river, in a westerly direction along the south line of the said Antonio Quintanilla subdivision to the southwest corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of said subdivision to the northwest corner division No. 1 to the southeast corner thereof and continuing in the same direction to an intersection with the south line of Share 34 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of said Share 34 to the southeast corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of said Share 34 to the northeast corner thereof and continuing in the same direction along the east line of Share 61 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant to the northeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Share 61 to the southeast corner of Lot 21 of the Harding and Gill subdivision of Share 16 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of said Lot 21 to the northeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of Lots 21, 22 and 23 of said Harding and Gill subdivision to the northwest corner of said Lot 23; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Lot 23 to the southwest corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of said Share 16 to the southwest corner thereof; thence in the same direction along the north line of the Hubmer Tract in Willacy county to the northwest corner thereof; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Hubmer Tract to the southwest corner thereof, the same being the southeast corner line of Lots 11 and 12, Block 60 and of Share 64 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of said Share 64 to the southwest corner of Block D of said Share 64; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of said Block D to the north-west corner thereof; thence in a west-erly direction along the south line of Blocks 54, 53 and 52 of the Gulf Coast Irrigation Company's subdivision in Willacy county to the southwest corner of Lot 19, Block 52 of said subdivision, the same being in the west line of the Beise Tract in Willacy county; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Beise the south line of Blocks 75, 74, 73, Tract to the southeast corner of 72, 71, 70, 69, 68, 67 and 66 of said Block 13 of the Engleman Subdivision El Chapote Tract to the southwest No. 1 in Willacy county; thence along corner of said Block 66; thence in a the south line of Blocks 13, 14, 15, 16, northerly direction along the west 17, 18, 19, of said Engleman subdivilline of said Block 66 to the north-

sion to the southwest corner of said Block 19; thence in a southerly direction along the east line of Blocks 29, 36, 45 and 52 of said Engleman Subof said Block 52; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of Blocks 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 of said Engleman subdivision and continuing in the same direction along the south line of Blocks 7, 14, 19, 26 and 31 of the Wetzel subdivision in Willacv county to the southwest corner of said Block 31; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of Block 31; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of Blocks 31, 30 and 29 of said Wetzel subdivision to the northwest corner of said Block 29; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of the Engleman Sub-division No. 2 in Willacy county to the southwest corner thereof and continuing in the same direction along the south line of the E. B. Raymond Tract in Willacy county to the south-west corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of said E. B. Raymond Tract to the northwest corner thereof; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of Blocks 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51 of the Gulf Coast Irrigation Company's subdivision to the southeast corner of Lot 14, Block 51 of said subdivision; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of Lots 14, 11, 6 and 3 of Block 51 and Lots 14 and 11 of Block 60 of said subdivision to the northeast corner of said Lot 11, Block 60; thence in a westerly direction along the north Lot 9, Block 61 of said subdivision to the northwest corner of said Lot 9; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of Lots 7 and 2, Block 61 of said subdivision to the northeast corner of said Lot 2; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of Blocks 70, 69, 68 and 67 of said Gulf Coast Irrigation Company's subdivision to the southwest corner of said Block 67; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of the El Chapote Tract in Willacy county to the southeast corner of Block 75 of said El Chapote Tract; thence in a westerly direction along

west corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of Share 28 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant, to the southwest corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of said Share 28 to the northeast corner of Block 19, of the Gill subdivision in Willacy county; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of Blocks 19, 20, 21 and 22 of said Gill subdivision to the northwest corner of said Block 22; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Gill subdivision to the southwest corner thereof, the same being the northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 23, of the Harding Lindahl subdivision of Share 1 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant, and continuing south along the west line of said Lot 2 to the northeast corner of Lot 3, Block 23 of said subdivision; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of Lots 3 and 4, Block 23, of said Harding Lindahl subdivision to the northwest corner of said Lot 4; thence southward with west line of Block 23, 28 and 29 of said Harding Lindahl subdivision to an inside corner in the west line of Lot 4, Block 29 of said Harding Lindahl subdivision, the same being the northeast corner of an unplotted strip or tract of land in Share 64 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant; thence westward with the north line of said unplatted strip of land to the northwest corner thereof, the same being the northeast corner of Block 1 of the Narcisso Tract No. 4, and continuing westward along the north line of said Block 1 to the northwest corner thereof; thence southward along the west line of Blocks 1 and 2 of said Narcisso Tract No. 4 to southwest corner of Lot 6, Block 2, the same being a southeast corner of what is known as the Guadalupe pasture, owned by Garcia Land and Live Stock Company; in Share 59, San Juan de Carricitos Grant; thence westward with the south line of said Guadalupe pasture tract to the southwest corner thereof, on east line of Las Mestenas Grant; thence northward with east line of Las Mestenas Grant to the northeast corner of the Teniente League, as set out in partition of the Las Mestenas Grant: thence westward with the north line of said Teniente League, to the northwest corner thereof; thence northward along the production of | southeast corner thereof; thence west-League to the south line of the Lon 147 and north line of Tract 149 to

C. Hill 14,000-acre share of the partition of the Las Mestenas Grant; thence westward with south line of said 14,000-acre Lon C. Hill share to its intersection with the east line of the San Salvador del Tule Grant at the northwest corner of Share No. 3 of said Las Mestenas Partition; thence southward with west line of the Las Mestenas Grant and east line of said San Salvador del Tule Grant, to the southwest corner of Block 10. Missouri Texas Land and Irrigation Company subdivision of the Mestenas Grant, being also the northwest corner of 1000 acres known as Stuever ranch; thence eastward with south line of Blocks 10, 11 and 12 of said Missouri Texas Land and Irrigation Company subdivision, to a point on south line of Lot 13, Block 12, of said subdivision, the same being the north corner of Lot 3, Block 27, of said Missouri Texas Land and Irrigation Company subdivision; thence southward with west line of Blocks 27 and 28 of said subdivision to the southwest corner of Lot 3 of Block 28, the same being the southeast corner of said Stuever 1000-acre ranch; thence westward with south line of said Stuever ranch to the east line of the said San Salvador del Tule Grant; thence with the east line of said San Salvador del Tule Grant, said San Salvador del Tule Grant, southward to the southeast corner of Tract No. 94 of the partition of the San Salvador del Tule Grant, cause No. 422, district court of Hidalgo county, Texas; thence across the San Salvador del Tule Grant, following lines of treats as non parti lowing lines of tracts as per parti-tion thereof as follows: westward on south line of Tract No. 94 to northwest corner of Tract 135; thence southward with west line of Tract No. 135, to southeast corner of Tract No. 134; thence westward on south line of Tracts Nos. 134 and 133, to the northwest corner of Tract No. 144; thence with west line of Tract No. 144, southward to northeast corner of Block 9, Citrus Fruit Development Company subdivision of the San Salvador del Tule Grant; thence westward with north line of Blocks 9, 10, 11 and 12 of said Citrus Fruit Development Company subdivision to a point on the east line of Tract No. 147, said partition of the San Salvador del Tule Grant; thence south with east line of said Tract No. 147 to the the west line of the said Teniente | ward with south line of said Tract No.

east line of the Melado Grant; thence northward with the east line of said Melado Grant, to the northeast corner thereof, and southeast corner of the Santa Anito Grant; thence in a westerly direction along the north-line of said Melado Grant to the northwest corner thereof; thence southward with west line of the Melado Grant, to the north line of Porcion No. 52 (Reynosa); thence westward with north line of Porciones 52 and 51 (Reynosa) to a point on the east line of Porcion No. 50 (Reynosa); thence in a northerly direction along the east line of said Porcion No. 50 to the northeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Porcion No. 50 to the northwest corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of Porcion No. 49 (Reynosa) to the northeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of Porciones Nos. 49 and 48 (Reynosa) to a point in the east line of Porcion No. 80 (Reynosa) said point being the northwest corner of Porcion No. 48; thence in a southwesterly direction across Porciones Nos. 80 to 73 (Reynosa), inclusive, and 47 to 38 (Reynosa), inclusive, to the point of intersection of the boundary line between Starr and Hidalgo counties with the north line of the right of way of the Rio Grande City Railway; thence in a westerly direction with the said north line of the right of way as it meanders to its intersection with the division line between Porciones Nos. 83 and 84 (Camargo); thence in a northwesterly direction across Porcion No. 83 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 3100 feet northward of the center line of the main tract of the Rio Grande City Railway, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 83; thence in a westerly direction across Porcion No. 82 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 2200 feet northward of the center line of the main tract of the Rio Grande City Railway, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 82; thence in the northerly direction with the west line of said Porcion No. 82 (Camargo) 4500 feet; thence in a northwesterly direction across Porcion No. 81 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 8000 feet northward of the center line of the main track of the Rio Grande City Railway, measured along said west State Highway No. 4, measured along

line of Porcion No. 81; thence in a northwesterly direction across Porcion No. 80 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 19,500 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 80; thence in a northwesterly direction across Porcion No. 79 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 25,000 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, meas-ured along said west line of Porcion No. 79; thence in a southerly direction with the west line of Porcion No. 79 (Camargo) 21,900 feet; thence in a westerly direction across Porcion No. 78 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof; said point being 5100 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 78; thence in a westerly direc-tion across Porciones Nos. 77 and 76 (Camargo) to a point in the west line of Porcion No. 76, said point being 7800 feet northward of center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 76; thence in a westerly direction across Porcion No. 75 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 7800 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 75; thence in a southwesterly direction across Porcion No. 74 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 3800 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 74; thence in a northwesterly direction across Porcion No. 73 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 4700 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along the said west line of Porcion No. 73; thence in a northwesterly direction across Porcion No. 72 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 7200 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 72; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of said Porcion No. 72 (Camargo) 4500 feet; thence in a southwesterly direction across Porcion No. 71 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 900 feet northward of the center line of Texas

said west line of Porcion No. 71: thence in a northwesterly direction across Porcion No. 70 (Camargo) to a point in the west line thereof, said line being the division line between the jurisdictions of Camargo and Mier, and said point being 1100 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 70; thence in a northwesterly direction across Porciones Nos. 78, 77 and 76 (Mier) to a point in the west line of Porcion No. 76 (Mier), said point being 7300 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along the west line of said Porcion No. 76; thence in a southwesterly direction across Porciones Nos. 75 and 74 (Mier) to a point in the west line of Porcion No. 74, said point being 8300 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 74; thence in a southwesterly direction across Porcion No. 73 (Mier) to a point in the west line thereof, said point being 1600 feet northward of the center line of Texas State Highway No. 4, measured along said west line of Porcion No. 73; thence in a northwesterly direction across Porciones Nos. 72 and 71 (Mier) to the place of beginning.

Exclusions.

Provided, however, that the following described lands that are embraced within these boundaries shall be excluded from the district, namely:

- 1. All of Share 4 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant in Willacy county;
- 2. All of Share 2 of the San Juan de Carricitos Grant in Willacy county;
- 3. An area lying partly in Willacy county and partly in Hidalgo county, described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of the Sebastian Tract No. 3 of Willacy county in the Cameron-Willacy county direction along said Cameron-Willacy county boundary line to the northwest corner of Cameron county and continuing into Hidalgo county line to a point in the east line of the Las Mestenas Grant; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of said Las Mestenas Grant to the northwest corner of Lot 9, Block 96,

of the Turner Tract; thence in an easterly direction along the north line of Lot 9, Block 96, and Blocks 12, 11, 10 and 9 of Block 95, and Lots 12, 11, 10 and 9 of Block 94, and Lots 12, 11, 10 and 9 of Block 93 of said Turner Tract to a point in the Hidalgo-Willacy county line; thence in a northerly direction along the said county line to a point in the north line of Lot 14, Block 84, of said Turner Tract; thence in an easterly direction along the north line of said Lot 14 to the northeast corner thereof; thence continuing eastward along the north line of Block 42 of the Jose Tract No. 5 in Willacy county to the northeast corner thereof; thence in a northerly direction with the east line of Block 39 of said Jose Tract to the northeast corner of Lot 9 of said Block 39; thence in a westerly direction with the north line of Lots 9, 10 and 11 of said Block 39 to the northwest corner of said Lot 11; thence in a northerly direction along the west line of Lots 6 and 3 of said Block 39 to the northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence in an easterly direction along the north line of Blocks 39 and 38 of said Jose Tract to the northeast corner of said Block 38 and the northwest corner of the Lyford Tract No. 2 in Willacy county; thence continuing eastward along the north line of Lot 4, Block 4, of the said Lyford Tract No. 2 to the northeast corner of said Lot 4; thence in a southerly direction along the east line of Lots 4 and 5 of said Block 4 to the southeast corner of said Lot 5; thence in an easterly direction along the north line of Lots 11 and 10 of said Block 4 to the northeast corner of said Lot 10; thence in a southerly direction along the east line of said Lot 10 to the southeast corner thereof; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of Lots 10, 11 and 12 of said Block 4 to the southwest corner of said Lot 12; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said Block 4 to the southwest corner thereof; said point being the northwest corner of Block 5 of the said Lyford Tract No. 2; thence in an easterly direction along the north line of Blocks 5, 6, 7 and 8 of said tract to the northeast corner of said Block 8; thence in a southerly direction along the east line of said Lyford Tract No. 2 and the east line of said Sebastian Tract No. 3 to the place of

- Out of Harding Lindahl subdivision in Willacy county, Lots 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Block 26; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 30, and Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 and north half of Lot 9, Block 31.
- 5. Out of Narcisso Tract in Willacy county, Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8 of Block 5.
- 6. Out of Raymondville Tract No. 1 in Willacy county, west half and south half of east half of Lot 2, in Block 1; Lots 4 and 5 of Block 4; Lots 11, 13 and 14 of Block 6; Lots 9, 10 and 11 of Block 7, and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and south half of Lot 14, and Lot 15 of Block 9.
- Out of Gulf Coast Irrigation Company's subdivision, Lots 9 and 10 of Block 64.
- Out of Raymond Hallam subdivisions, Lot 6 of Block 1, Lot 5 of Block 2, and north half of Lot 1 and all of Lot 6, Block 3.

The amendment was adopted. Senate bill No. 437 was then passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 720 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 720, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Lower Rio Grande Water Conservation District of Texas under authority of Section 59 of Article 16, of the Constitution of the State, with powers of government and authority to exercise such rights, privileges and functions as are conferred by said Section 59 of Article 16; establishing and fixing the boundaries of said district; placing the management and control of said district in a board of seven directors, and prescribing their qualifications, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. West of Cameron, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 553 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 553, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the counties of

Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kennedy, Kleberg, Nueces, Jim Wells, Duval, Webb, San Patricio, Refugio, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, La Salle, Dimmit, Maverick, Zavala, Frio, Atascosa, Wilson, Karnes, DeWitt, Victoria, Goliad, Calhoun and Aransas to constitute what shall be known in the future as the citrus zone of this State, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. West of Cameron offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 553 by striking out all of Section 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Scaly bark, cladosporium herbarum var. citricolum; withertip of lime, glocosporiumli metticolm; white fly, Aleyrodes nubifera; wooly white fly, Aleurothrixus howardii; flocculent white fly, Aleurothrixus floccosa; guava white fly, Trialeurodes floridensis; bay white fly, Paraleurodes perseae; inconspicuous white fly, Bemesia inconspicus; Florida citrus aphid, Aphis spirecola; citrus root weevil, Pachnaeus litus Germar; melanose, Phomopsis citri; rufous scale, Selenaspidus articulatus; snow scale, Chionaspis citri; six-spotted mite, Tetranychus citri; purple Tetranychus citri; orange sawyer, Elaphidion inerne; spiny black fly, Aleurocanthus woglumi; citrus scab; black scale, Saissetia aleoe; mealy bug; cottony cushion scale; citrus thrips; barnacle scale; Cali-fornia red scale; oyster shell scale; citrus red spider; citrus fruit and storage rots, are hereby declared a public nuisance and menace to the citrus industry. The prevention of the transportation of any nursery stock infected with any of the above pests and plant diseases is hereby declared to be a public necessity."

The amendment was adopted. House bill No. 553 was then passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL NO. 528 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 528, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 827 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, Revised Criminal Statutes of 1925, Cameron, Willacy, Hidalgo, Starr, so as to require street railways and motor busses in cities of not less than 4000 inhabitants to carry all school children for one-half the fare regularly collected for the transportation of adults, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 718 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 718, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of Article 8307, Title 130, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, Chapter 223, 1927, commonly known and referred to as the Workmen's Compensation Act, providing that the Industrial Accident Board shall furnish, upon request, any interested party a certified copy of the employer's notice of becoming a subscriber, which shall be admissible in evidence in any court and be prima facie proof of all the facts stated in such notice, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 737 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 737, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1019 and Article 1027 of 1925 Code of Criminal Procedure, providing that no costs shall be paid by the State where the defendant is indicted for a felony and his punishment assessed by a fine or imprisonment in jail, or convicted of a misdemeanor, and that all costs thus incurred shall be taxed and collected as in misdemeanor cases; also providing that all officers shall return to the State Treasurer a sum of money equal to the amount he received from the State in such cases and their bondsmen shall be liable for such sum, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment

HOUSE BILL NO. 73 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment, H. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of gins, ginners, ginning; the licensing of ginners; providing for proper packing, wrapping, marking; and proving for weighing of seed cotton, lint cotton and cotton seed, and keeping a record of the same; providing for the collection of license fees to be used by the Commissioner of Agriculture for the enforcement of this act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Shelton offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 73 by striking out the words "or truck" in line 6, Section 5.

(2)

Amend House bill No. 73, Section 3, after the words "public inspection" by adding the following: "the ginner shall have a lien against the cotton to cover cost of ginning and wrapping thereof, and the ticket as above provided shall show the amount of charges and whether paid or yet due."

(3)

Amend House bill No. 73 as follows:

Section 1. Strike out "and shall furnish to the Commissioner satisfactory evidence that his gin is equipped with proper machinery for ginning, cleaning and packing facilities, sufficient to enable him to comply with the provisions of this act."

Strike out "two and 50/100 (\$2.50)" wherever it occurs in the bill and substitute in lieu thereof "two and 0/100 (\$2)."

Sec. 4. Strike out "hulls, motes."

Strike out the word "the" and substitute "such" before the words "bale of cotton"; also strike out "at the time the fire was discovered."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 73 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 375 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment, H. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 304, page 678 et seq., of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, so as to include onion and spinach seed and include in addition to the other data to be shown the year in which such seed were grown, and declaring an emergency." The bill was read second time.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 375, Section 2, page 3, line 4, by changing the "period" to a "semi-colon" and add the following:

"Provided, however, that the provisions of subsection (k) of Section 2 of this act shall only apply to onion and spinach seed."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 375, Section 2, page 2, line 6, of the printed bill by striking out of line 6 the words "this act" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Chapter 304 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of Texas."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 375 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 453 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 453, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Acts of 1927, Fortieth Legislature, First Called Session, page 131, Chapter 42, Section 2, providing for the appointment of three additional members of the State Board of Health; prescribing the qualifications of such additional members; providing the terms of office, fixing their compensation, and de-

The bill was read second time.

claring an emergency."

Mrs. Hughes offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 453, page 2, line 13, by striking out the sentence after the word "chapter" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The State Health Officer shall be a member ex-officio of the Board, but shall not have a right to vote. The Board shall elect a chairman from among the nine members of the Board who shall serve for a period of two years or until his successor is elected."

The amendment was adopted. House bill No. 453 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 819 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 819, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Port Arthur, Texas, all rights, title and interest of the State of Texas to certain land lying and being situated in and under the waters of Lake Sabine, and granting to said city of Port Arthur, Texas, the right, power and authority to fill in and upon such submerged land with sand, dredge spoil or other material, and granting to said city of Port Arthur the right to take from Lake Sabine such sand, dredge spoil or other material as may be necessary or desirous for such filling, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Nicholson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 819, page 4, line 37, by inserting the following language after the word "necessity:" "Provided, the right to sell the land shall be restricted to sales to governments of the United States and the State of Texas."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Nicholson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 819, page 4, line 38, by eliminating the word "and," the first word in the line.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Nicholson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 819 by striking from Section 1 all language beginning with line 36 of page 1 and ending with line 25 of page 4 of the printed bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Beginning at Station 544/93.05 on the reference line of the Sabine-Neches waterway, Texas; thence along and parallel to

the government reference line, to-wit, north 27° 313' east, a distance of 454.85 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right with a radius of 4449.3 feet, thence along that curve a distance of 871.72 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 38° 45' east, a distance of 4579.58 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left with a radius of 5838.48 feet, thence along that curve a distance of 109.8 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 37° 41' east, a distance of 4228.7 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right with a radius of 6142.47 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 727.8 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 44° 28' east, a distance of 4281.7 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left with a radius of 5782.91 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 795.6 feet to the point of tangency; then north 36° 35' east, a distance of 3110.1 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right with a radius of 5680.62 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 667.5 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 43° 19' east, a distance of 1069.6 feet; thence south 48° 47' east, along and parallel to the present city limits a distance of 2591.23 feet; thence south 38° 45' west, a distance of 20.511 feet to the southeasterly corner of present Port Arthur Pleasure Pier bulkhead; thence north 49° 13' west along the easterly side of said pier a distance of 696.28 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left with a radius of 150 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 214.6 feet to the point of tangency with a curve to the right with a radius of 150 feet, a distance of 214.7 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 50° 58' west, a distance of 1792.33 feet to point of beginning and containing 1339 acres, more or less.

"Beginning at a point on the extreme southeast corner of what is now known as Pleasure Pier bulkhead, thence south 50° 47' east parallel with the center line produced of Austin avenue in the city of Port Arthur, Texas, along the north side of the H. L. McKee tract of 1942.86 acres, a distance of 12,817.64 feet, to corner of this tract on the east boundary line of the State of Texas, being also a point on the west boundary line of the State of Louisiana, said corner being witnessed by a five-(5) foot section of four (4) inch cast iron soil pipe set by J. C. McVea for

the H. L. McKee tract on the Louisiana shore of Sabine lake 37.38 feet back from edge of water and projecting 18 inches above the surface of the ground, said pipe bearing south 50° 47' east, a distance of 15,350.42 feet from said corner; thence north 58° 0' east, a distance of 637.64 feet, along the east boundary line of the State of Texas, being also the west boundary line of the State of Louisiana; thence north 50° 47' west, a distance of 13,027.71 feet along a line parallel to the first side of tract to the extreme northeast corner of the Pleasure Pier bulkhead, thence south 38° 45' west, a distance of 603.66 feet along the Pleasure Pier bulkhead to the point of beginning, containing 179.4 acres of land, more or less.

"Beginning at Station 526/74.66 on the government reference line of the Sabine-Neches waterway, Texas, for point of beginning, thence south 51° 15' east, a distance of 2379.79 feet; thence north 38° 45' east, a distance of 1391.09 feet, to the southwesterly corner of the present Port Arthur Pleasure Pier bulkhead; thence north 49° 13. west, along the westerly side of said pier, a distance of 695.05 feet, to the point of curvature of a curve to the right with a radius of 150 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 214.6 feet to the point of tangency with a curve to the left with a radius of 150 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 214.7 feet to the point of tangency; thence north 50° 58' west, a distance of 1771.96 feet to intersect with the government reference line at Station 543/90.99 on reference line; thence along and parallel to the reference line, to-wit, south 27° 31' west, a distance of 691.49 feet to point of curvature of a curve to the left with a radius of 5208.79 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 281 feet to the point of tangency; thence south 24° 26' west, a distance of 427.84 feet to point of curvature of a curve to the right with a radius of 3000 feet; thence along that curve a distance of 316 feet to the point of beginning, containing 94 acres, more or less."

The amendment was adopted. House bill No. 819 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 879 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 879, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that any interested party not willing to abide by the final decision of the Industrial Accident Board shall, in the manner provided by law, bring suit in the county where the injury occurred, to set aside said final decision, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 116 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3690, of Chapter 29, Title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, so as to provide that no commissions shall be allowed or received for receiving any cash which was on hand at the time of the death of the testator or intestate, nor for paying out money to the heirs or legatees as such, except upon the equity of mortgaged property in case any of the property of such testator or intestate was mortgaged at the time of his or her death; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1030 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 1030, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the transfer of causes from the Courts of Civil Appeals by the Supreme Court when two or more judges of the Court of Civil Appeals are disqualified or when one judge is disqualified and the other two judges are unable to agree upon a disposition of the case; prescribing duties of certain officers; repealing conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled

"An Act providing a means of assisting tenant farmers to acquire homes; providing for a fund to be raised from private donations to be known as the Tenant Farmer Foundation Fund, to be administered by a State Commission composed of the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of the General Land Office and certain other persons, said fund to be used to purchase land and sell same to tenant farmers on long time at a low rate of interest, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Terrell of Cherokee offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 27, page 2, by striking out all after the word "Commission," line 14, down to and including the word "offices," line 15, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "by virtue of their offices, and the Commission shall be perpetual."

(2)

Amend the bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out all after the word "appointment" in line 10, down to and including the word "Commission" in line 11, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "by the remaining members of the Commission, and said appointees shall be donors to the Tenant Farmer Foundation Fund, when such donors can be found who are willing to serve on the Commission."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 27 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 52 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3531 of Chapter 19, Title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, relating to the classification of claims against an estate so as to fix the classification and priority of claims based on liens against property as of the date immediately before the death of the decedent; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. McCombs offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 52 by striking out all below enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That Article 3531, Chapter 19, Title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 3531. The claims against an estate shall be classed and have priority of payment as follows:

- "1. Funeral expenses and expenses of last sickness for a reasonable amount to be approved by the county judge, not to exceed the sum of \$500; any excess to be classified and paid as other unsecured claims.
- "2. Expenses of administration and expenses incurred in preservation, safe keeping and management of the estate.
- "3. Claims secured by mortgage or other liens so far as the same can be paid out of the proceeds of the property subject to such mortgage or other lien, and when more than one mortgage or lien shall exist upon the same property, the oldest shall be first paid; but no preference shall be given to such claims secured by mortgage or other lien further than regards the property subject to such mortgage or other lien.
- "4. All claims legally exhibited within one year after the original grant of letters testamentary or of administration.
- "5. All claims legally exhibited after the lapse of one year from the original grant of letters testamentary or of administration.'
- Sec. 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with any provision, or provisions, of the foregoing act are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. The fact that there is at this time confusion and uncertainty regarding the classification and priority of claims against estates creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity, requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and the said rule is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted. was passed to engrossment.

(2)

Amend House bill No. 52 by striking out all above enacting clause and insert the following:

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act to amend Article 3531 of Chapter 19, Title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, relating to the classification of claims against an estate so as to limit the amount of priority of first class claims, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency'."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 52 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 658 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 658, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate all personal, physical, mental endurance contests in public competition for prizes and awards and admission fees; prescribing penalties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 645 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 645, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 465, Chapter 7, Title 16, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, relating to dividends and unclaimed deposits remaining in the hands of the Commissioner for six months after order for final distribution; requiring same to be deposited in some State bank to the credit of the Commissioner in trust for the bona fide depositors and creditors of the liquidation, so as to provide that such funds remaining in the hands of the Commissioner after order for final distribution shall be by him deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commissioner in his official name in trust for the bona fide depositors and creditors of the liquidation; and providing for escheat of same, if not claimed within seven years after such deposit."

The bill was read second time, and

HOUSE BILL NO. 163 ON PAS-SAGE TO ENGROSSMENT.

Mr. Hubbard (by unanimous consent) called up for consideration at this time

H. B. No. 163, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Articles 5521 and 5523, and amending Article 5520, Chapter 1, Title 91, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, relating to vendor's lien, mortgage lien, and deed of trust notes secured by lien on real estate, providing time and manner of the running of limitation thereon, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill having heretofore been read second time, and laid on the table subject to call, and due notice having been given that same would be called up today.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 163 by striking out all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

Section 1. That Articles 5521 and 5523, Chapters 1, Title 91, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That Article 5520, Chapter 1, Title 91, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, be and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 5520. Actions by Vendors, Etc.—There shall be commenced and prosecuted within four years after the cause of action shall have accrued and not afterward, except as herein provided, all actions of the following description:

- "1. Actions to recover real estate by virtue of a superior title retained by the vendor in a deed of conveyance or purchase money note.
- "2. Actions for the foreclosure of vendor's liens on real estate.
- "3. Actions to foreclose deed of trust or mortgage liens on real estate.

"Provided, however, that where a series of notes may be given on any note may be made payable in installment, or if any other instrument is executed which creates an obligation on the vendee or grantee of real estate to pay for the same in installments or partial payments, limitation shall not run until four years after the maturity date of said last note or installment. Upon the expiration of

maturity of the last said note or installment, payment shall be conclusively presumed to have been made of each said note and installment, and the lien for the security of same shall cease to exist, unless the same is extended by an agreement in writing by the party or parties primarily liable for the payment of the indebtedness, as provided by law. The lien created by deeds of trust or other mortgage may be extended by an agreement in writing by the party or parties primarily liable for the payment of such indebtedness, and filed and recorded in the manner provided for the acknowledgment and record of conveyance of real estate.

"No power of sale conferred by a deed of trust or other mortgage on real estate executed subsequent to the 14th day of July, 1905, and prior to the 1st day of July, 1913, shall be enforced after the expiration of ten years from the maturity date of the indebtedness secured thereby, and no power of sale conferred by any deed of trust or other mortgage on real estate executed on or subsequent to the 1st day of July, 1913, or that may hereafter be executed, shall be enforced after the expiration of four years from the maturity of the indebtedness secured thereby, and any such sale under such powers after the expiration of such times shall be void, and such sale may be enjoined and the lien created in any such deeds of trust or mortgages as were executed subsequent to the 14th day of July, 1905, and prior to the 1st day of July, 1913, shall cease to exist ten years after the maturity date of the debt secured thereby, and as to all deeds of trust or mortgages as were executed on or subsequent to the 1st day of July, 1913, or that may hereafter be executed, the lien created thereby shall cease to exist four years after the maturity of the debt secured thereby."

Sec. 3. The fact that the Supreme Court of Texas has intimated that although a series of notes secured by a mortgage or deed of trust do not run by limitation until four years from the maturity date of the last of such series, whereas, vendor's lien notes run by limitation four years from maturity of each such note, all of which is confusing, and the fact that the present statutes relating to the running of limitation are confusing and ambiguous, and the fact that four years from and after the date of limitation should run from the same date of all such notes, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that rule is hereby suspended, and it is so enacted.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend committee amendment No. 2 to House bill No. 163, Section 2, page 4, lines 17 and 18, by striking out the words "run until four years after" and insert the following after the word "not," "begin to run until."

The amendment was adopted.

The amendment as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 163 by striking out all above the enacting clause and substituting the following:

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act repealing Articles 5521 and 5523, and amending Article 5520, Chapter 1, Title 91, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, relating to vendor's lien, mortgage lien and deed of trust notes secured by lien on real estate; providing time and manner of the running of limitation thereon; and of actions to recover real estate by virtue of a superior title retained by vendors or grantors, and for the presumption of payment and existence of lien; providing the time and manner of enforcement of said notes and the liens to secure the same, and for the expiration of the lien in certain cases; providing for the extension of liens and renewal of notes, and declaring an emergency.'

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 163 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 762 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 762, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the increase of premium and/or rates to be collected after twenty years of continuous membership in any fraternal benefit societies as provided for in Chapter 8."

Mr. Ray offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 762 by striking out all after the word "when" in line 7, Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "unless such increased rate or increased premiums shall apply equally among all policyholders of certificate holders."

The amendment was adopted. House bill No. 762 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1034 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 1034, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Comptroller of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer to cancel off their books outstanding and unpaid warrants issued prior to September 1, 1927, and directing the method of payment of same, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1011 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 1011, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing independent school districts, by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, to acquire the title to streets and alleys for certain purposes under certain prescribed rules and regulations, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 988 ON SEC-OND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 988, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing counties and incorporated cities and the Texas State Parks Board, separately, or in cooperation with each other, to acquire by gift or purchase land for public parks; authorizing the issuance of bonds and levy of taxes therefor; providing for control and operation of such parks, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 988, page 1, by striking out the word "within" in line 20 and all of line 21, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "in any locality in this State and in any sized tracts deemed suitable by the governing body of the city or county acquiring same."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 988 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 120 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 120, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2237, 2238 and 2239 of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by providing that where the ruling of the court upon the admission or exclusion of evidence is shown by the transcript or statement of facts, and where the objections and exceptions are likewise shown, no formal bill of exception shall be necessary, etc., and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 654 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 654, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring any party, offering or quoting for sale certain perishable farm products, to quote the quantity of the commodity actually offered and providing that no party shall so offer or quote for sale any such commodity except the owner or such other party as may be duly authorized, in writing, and that no offering or quotation shall be made by any party unless such commodity is, in fact, then in physical existence in the quantity offered and ready for bona fide sale and delivery by such party; and providing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit offered the

following amendment to the bill: Amend House bill No. 654, page 1, Section 1, by adding after the word "quantity" in lines 27 and 33 the following words: "or approximate quantity," and by adding at the end of line 31 the following words: "for immedia was passed to engrossment.

ate delivery," and amend the caption accordingly.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 654 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 328 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a limit on the number of fresh water bass, crappie or white perch, bream and goggleeyed perch, or the aggregate of such fish that may be taken or possessed during any one day, and providing the number of such fish or the aggregate of such fish that may be possessed at any time, prescribing penalties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 1028, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners courts of counties having not less than 3690 and not more than 4000 inhabitants, according to the last available Federal census, to appropriate and expend a sum not exceeding \$7500 to be used over a period of five years for exterminating predatory animals, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1037 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 1037, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create, validate and approve the Dallas County Preston Road Fresh Water Supply District No. 10, in Dallas County, Texas, to declare it to be a legally constituted governmental agency and body politic and corporate, and its formation to be a benefit to all property within its bounds, and that its bounds were legally designated, and adding to its powers, etc., and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time, and

HOUSE BILL NO. 1006 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 1006, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 91, Acts First Called Session, Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 77, Acts First Called Session, Forty-first Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 1007, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the taking of fish in El Paso county; prescribing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 946 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 946, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the county court of law of Hidalgo county, Texas; fixing and defining the jurisdiction and terms thereof, prescribing the qualifications, manner of appointment and elections, term of office, compensation and powers of the regular or special judge thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Leonard offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 946 by striking out all of Section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 4. The judge of the county court at law of Hidalgo county, Texas, shall be well informed in the law; he shall be a duly licensed and practicing member of the bar of this State; he shall be appointed by the commissioners court of Hidalgo county as soon as may be after this act takes effect; he shall take the oath of office and execute an official bond as now required by the law relating to county judges and he shall collect the same fees in civil cases, except probate cases, as are now pro-

judges; and said judge shall tax, receive and collect in each criminal case the same fees and costs as are now provided by the General Laws of the State for the judges of the county courts having criminal jurisdiction, all of which civil and criminal fees so collected the said judge of the county court at law of Hidalgo county, Texas, shall pay monthly into the county treasury, and in lieu of such fees he shall receive a salary of \$3600 per annum to be paid out of the county treasury under order of the commissioners court of Hidalgo county, in monthly installments of \$300 each."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 946 was then passed to engrossment.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

- S. B. No. 125, "An Act withdrawing from sale the bed of Caddo Lake and all public and school lands adjacent thereto, preserving the same to public use as a fish and game preserve and a public park; authorizing the chairman of the Fish, Game and Oyster Commission to establish game sanctuaries thereon, not exceeding twenty per cent (20%) of the area of the waters of such lake and its immediate tributaries, and empowering him and his deputies to revoke any hunting licenses granted to persons violating such sanctuaries; also, authorizing the said chairman of the Fish, Game and Oyster Commission, in conjunction with the State Forester, to investigate the feasibility of acquiring and establishing a game preserve in conjunction with the State forest in the vicinity of such lake, and declaring an emergency.'
- S. B. No. 159, "An Act to amend Title 17, Chapter 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to amend Article 1306 of the said title and chapter defining an attempt at arson, and providing a penalty for violation of Article 1306, and declaring an emergency."
- this act takes effect; he shall take the oath of office and execute an official bond as now required by the law relating to county judges and he shall collect the same fees in civil cases, except probate cases, as are now provided by law in the case of county the tenant where the landlord fur-

nishes everything and the tenant furnishes the labor to make the crop."

- S. B. No. 403, "An Act declaring the lands set apart for the endowment of the University of Texas by the Constitution of 1876, and by an Act of the Legislature of 1883, which are now unsold, to be subject to taxation for county purposes in the counties in which they are located; requiring the State Tax Board to fix the values for the purpose of taxation; directing the tax collectors of certain counties to render a report to the Comptroller; providing that the State shall pay annually to each of the counties in which said lands are located an amount equal to the tax imposed upon said land for county purposes, and declaring an emergency."
- S. B. No. 354, "An Act providing for the payment of expenses of trial by jury in civil cases by the counties in which said cases are filed, except when such cases are transferred upon pleas of privilege, and declaring an emergency."
- S. B. No. 358, "An Act amending Section 8 of Article 8307 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, relating to acts or decisions of the Industrial Accident Board and the admission as evidence of its proceeding when duly attested and sealed, and declaring an emergency."
- S. B. No. 361, "An Act amending Section 19 (Section 1) of Article 8306, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, relating to compensation to an employe who has been hired in this State and sustains an injury outside of the State; fixing the jurisdiction of suits filed under this section; providing that such injury shall have occurred within one year from the date such injured employe leaves this State, and that no recovery shall be had if the employe has elected to pursue his remedy and recover in the State where such injury occurred, and declaring an emergency."

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Daniel moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. next Monday.

Mr. Farrar moved that the House recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Daniel prevailed, Coltrin. and the House, accordingly, at 5:50 Coombes. o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills as follows:

Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions: Senate bill No. 170.

Banks and Banking: Senate bill No. 165; House bill No. 835.

Conservation and Reclamation: House bill No. 1037; Senate bill No. 437.

Judiciary: House bill No. 1031. Labor: Senate bills Nos. 416 and 417; House bills Nos. 924 and 1009.

Education: Senate bills Nos. 464, 532, 308, 270, 510; and House bill No. 1006.

The following committee has filed adverse reports on bills, as follows:

Education: House bills Nos. 392, 675, 779; and Senate bill No. 185.

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY.

(Monday, April 27, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Adams of Jasper. Cunningham. Adamson. Dale. Adkins. Daniel. Akin. Davis. DeWolfe. Alsup. Dodd. Anderson. Donnell. Baker. Dowell. Barron. Beck. Dunlap. Duvall. Bedford. Dwyer. Bond. Elliott. Bounds. Boyd. Engelhard. Bradley. Farmer. Brice. Farrar. Brooks. Ferguson. Finn. Bryant. Burns of Walker. Fisher. Forbes. Burns of McCulloch. Ford. Carpenter. Fuchs. Caven. Gilbert. Claunch. Giles. Goodman. Coltrin. Coombes. Graves. Greathouse. Cox of Limestone. Grogan.